

ALBANY.

THE CONVENTION BILL PASSED THE SENATE—THE PUBLIC MARKET BILL—THE SUCCESSOR OF TAX-COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON—ABOLITION OF THE NEW YORK BOARD OF SUPERVISORS—COMMITTEE HEARINGS—EXTENSION OF THE METROPOLITAN EXCISE LAW.

TELEGRAMS TO THE TRIBUNE.

ALBANY, Thursday, March 7, 1867.

The Assembly bill for a Constitutional Convention came up in the Senate this morning. To settle a technical point, and not to reject the bill, the Senate struck out all after the enacting clause and inserted the Senate bill. Senator White moved that the bill be recommitted to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to insert in it an amendment providing for the election of 32 delegates at large. Senator Folger opposed this on the ground that the Conference Committee could settle the matter. He stated that in such a Conference Committee there must be mutual concessions, and if such a majority of the Senate was in favor of the election by Senatorial Districts, it was easily observable that the Assembly would insist upon the 32 delegates at large. This amendment was voted down by a vote of 14 Yeas to 17 Nays. It cannot be considered as a test vote as to the Senate's position on the delegate-at-large system, as some members voted against it out of respect to the views of Senator Folger. Mr. O'Donnell then moved that the bill be recommitted to the Judiciary Committee, with instructions to change the time of electing delegates to the regular November election. This was defeated, receiving only twelve votes in its favor. When the bill was out on its final passage, all the Democratic Messrs. F. C. Murphy, John Wood, Cornell Smith, Lynde, and O'Donnell, and the Republicans, Messrs. Quinn and Crowley, voted against it, the two latter on the ground that they did not believe the people had endorsed the Convention. The matter will now rest in the hands of the Conference Committee. The conference committee is in session.

The Assembly will now take up the Senate proposition to elect by Senatorial districts, and the Senate take the Assembly plan of delegates at large.

The Assembly was out only one hour and a half this morning, and was meeting again at 1 P.M., when the bill was introduced that they could attend the funeral of the late Clark B. Cochrane. When the session the whole time was consumed by the debate on the bill.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Finance, which was to report on it at their next meeting.

The bill was advanced to a third reading.

To establish and organize the Hudson River Hospital for the Insane.

RECEIVE BILL UNTIL 10 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

THE EXCISE LAW.

The Senate, in its opinion, advanced to the third reading of the bill extending over the State provisions of the Metropolitan Excise law, prohibiting the sale of all liquors, wine and beer, on Sunday. During the debate, Mr. LOW (Rep., Sullivan) gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill repealing the existing ten percent tax on all excise money to be paid over to the Blind Institute Asylum.

The Senate then adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

FUNERAL OF CLARK B. COCHRANE.—Mr. HISCOCK (Rep., Oneida) moved that when the House adjourn this morning, the members and officers proceed in a body to attend the funeral of the late Clark B. Cochrane. Carried.

CONTRACTS FOR CANAL REPAIRS.

Mr. MEAD (Rep., Livingston) offered the following:

"Resolved, That the Clerk of the Contracting Board report forthwith to this House the number of contracts for canal repairs awarded by the Contracting Board during the month of December last, with a list of all proposals, with an exact copy of all proposals, and name of proposer, the sections so awarded and to whom awarded, with the prices to be paid therefor, and the date of proposal; also, whether any section or sections were not let for reason of the proposal being deemed excessive, naming such section or sections, and whether the same have been rejected since the first of January last for retaining the same, and a copy of the bonds accompanying such proposals.

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EVENING SESSION.

L. BLACK (Dem., N. Y.) introduced a bill for the construction of railroads in Broadway, Lexington-ave., and other streets and avenues in New York.

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To authorize certain railroads in Oneonta, Chenango, and Madison to take stock in certain railroads.

To amend the charter of the Post Chester Savings Bank.

To incorporate the Binghamton Savings Bank.

To amend the charter of the New-Rochelle Savings Bank.

The Assembly then adjourned.

POLITICAL.

VIRGINIA.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

RICHMOND, March 7.—The Senate to-day passed a bill to call a State Convention on the second Monday in May, by a vote of 25 to 4.

THE FREEDOM ON RECONSTRUCTION.

RICHMOND, March 7.—At a meeting to-night of 5,000 negroes to ratify Sherman's bill, the white speakers gave a programme for a call of a Convention to adopt a constitution which will be sent to Congress as the loyal men's constitution.

The negroes were advised to vote against any constitution adopted by the Convention to be called by the present Legislature. Humeauitt was the leader of the meeting.

PENNSYLVANIA.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

HARRISBURG, March 7.—The Senate to-day passed the free railroad bill, allowing any nine persons to construct a railroad. Also, an act intended to relieve persons who have been for a long time under sentence of death in different prisons by granting them conditional pardons.

MICHIGAN.

SHIPWRECK ON CHELSEA BEACH.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

DETROIT, March 7.—The Republican Committee to-day nominated Benjamin Greaves, esq., for Justice of the Supreme Court.

CONNECTICUT.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

FALCON VILLAGE, Conn., March 7.—Miles T. Granger was nominated to-day for Senator of the XVIIth District on the Democratic ticket. Yesterday, Robbins Buttell was nominated for the same position on the Republican ticket.

THE SOUTHERN STATES.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

MEMPHIS, March 7.—Gen. Howard has ordered Beaumont, Chief of the Municipal Police, to be prosecuted for arresting negroes and employing them to planters for stipulated sums. Report says he arrested many negroes, and then released them from jail without any trial by employing them to planteers for sums of money varying from \$10 to \$15.

THE STORM.

NASHVILLE, March 7.—The damage to the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad will be speedily repaired, but shippers do not expect to be able to send supplies to Georgia for several weeks. No damage was done to the Nashville and Decatur Railroad.

MISSOURI.

A NEGRO SUFFRAGE BILL PASSED THE LOWER HOUSE.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

ST. LOUIS, March 7.—The lower House of the Legislature to-night passed a bill to amend the Constitution so as to allow negroes to vote. Yeas, 76; Nays, 46.

THE FINANCIAL QUESTION.

ST. LOUIS, March 7.—At a meeting of the merchants in the cellar of No. 121 Merchants-st., occupied by Henry Dorsch as a dwelling and furnished lodgings. The flame was extinguished before they extended beyond the cellar, but the upper part was somewhat damaged by heat and smoke. Loss on furniture about \$600; insured for \$4,500 in the Trademens' and North American Companies. The Trademens' paid \$1,000, and the North American \$1,000; the balance \$200. Master of Sing \$100; Assistants, each \$50. Salaries of male teachers at the school shall be \$500; of female, \$200 per year each.

THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE STATE.—The amount of the bonded debt of the State for three years from March 1, 1867.

Sen. White introduced a bill providing that upon the trial of any person charged with treason, he be given the right to introduce evidence of the character of the accused, whenever, in the opinion of the Court, such evidence shall tend to further the ends of justice. No such evidence shall be introduced until the determination of the accused shall be put in issue in the pleadings.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

SENATE.—ALBANY, March 7, 1867.

TO INCORPORATE THE NEW-YORK PASSENGER AND BAGGAGE COMPANY.

Against appointment of Notaries Public in Westchester, Rockland, and other counties. Agreed to.

Against a bill for additional compensation to collectors, administrators, and trustees. Agreed to.

Against prohibiting further levy of tax for the introduction of gas. Richmond County. Agreed to.

To the White Plains Water Works.

A bill to increase the Board of Supervisors of Western County to borrow money.

To the Board of Supervisors of the Erie and the Buffalo and Cleveland Transportation Companies.

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